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The allelic type of a polymorphic genetic locus in a sample is identified by first combining the sample with a sequencing reaction mixture containing a polymerase, nucleoside feedstocks, one type of chain terminating nucleoside and a sequencing primer to form a plurality of oligonucleotide fragments of differing lengths, and then evaluating the length of the oligonucleotide fragments. As in a standard sequencing procedure, the lengths of the fragments indicate the positions of the type of base corresponding to the chain terminating nucleotide in the extended primer. Instead of perferming and evaluating four concurrent reactions, one for each type of chain terminating nucleotide. however, the sample is concurrently combined with at most three, and preferably only one, sequencing reaction mixtures containing different types of chain terminating nucleotides. The information obtained from this test is evaluated prior to performing any additional tests on the sample. In many cases, evaluation of the positions of only a single base using one sequencing reaction will allow for allelic typing of the sample.

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